

We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program.

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THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!



Family Survey 2020-2021

What We Learned...

- 93% satisfaction level
- 70% 1st year families
- 90%+ families positively impacted by the Tempe PRE program.

What We'll Do...

- Provide regular and clear communication with families,
- Offer more options for families whenever possible,
- Include families in our planning and decisions impacting children.

We appreciate your feedback and will use this information to make continuing improvements. Thanks for allowing us to partner with you in supporting your child's early learning years!

MILESTONES

Milestone: an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development.

We have seen many milestones this year as your children have learned new things and grown in so many amazing ways! Here's just a sample...

- ✓ Social Emotional Development: How children develop relationships and learn about emotions.

 This year, our preschoolers learned how to take turns, to tell a friend to stop doing something that bothers them, and how to wish our friends well. This skill builds confidence as they begin a new year.
- ✓ Approaches to Learning: How children engage. Our preschoolers have mastered this skill, including building persistence, curiosity, resilience, and problemsolving. These skills are what inspire children to learn and to enjoy new discoveries!
- ✓ Literacy: Building the beginning stages of learning to read.

We have enjoyed piles and piles of books this year and learned about authors, illustrators, and how to handle our books with care. These early skills set the path for lifelong reading.

✓ Math: Creating an understanding of numbers, counting and amounts.

Math concepts occur throughout our days in preschool as we count the days of the week, determine who is first, second, or last in line, and compare which block structure is taller or wider. Learning math is just like learning to read with numbers!





We've had so much fun growing and learning, you might want to call them "SMILESTONES" ©

SUMMER LEARNING FUN

Looking for some summer fun outside of school? Here are some simple ideas for preschool fun that promote early learning skills (and your kids won't even know it!)

Water Days – This is as simple as offering a large tub with water in an outdoor shady spot. Fill it with cups, bowls, paint brushes, sponges, large spoons, and even small plastic toys and baby dolls. This activity is open ended, and kids can use the dishes to be cooks, sponges to be car washers, brushes to be painters, or baby doll caregivers with just a little bit of supervision. Kids learn science experimentation, arts and creativity, and social skills while cool and wet!

Art Masterpiece – Blank sheets of paper and homemade multi-color crayons are the best tools for your preschooler to create amazing works of art. Have kids fill up an old muffin tin with broken crayon pieces, taking the paper off first. Place the tin in a 300-degree oven with the light on so they can watch them melt for 8-10 minutes. Let the crayons cool and then kids can make beautiful artwork to display on your refrigerator or on your windows for a stained-glass effect! You can focus on math as kids count the number of crayons and how many minutes to meltdown.

Reading Hideouts – When the days are too hot to go outside and you'd like a little peace and quiet, help your kids build secret reading hideouts using cushions, pillows, blankets, sheets. Then allow your kids to fill the hideout with books, stuffed animals and maybe even a small flashlight. This not only makes enjoying books more fun, but it also can create a safe and quiet space during long summer days!



Important Dates Tempe Elementary School District

Friday, May 28 – Last Day of School

Check in with your child's teacher about end of year celebrations and last day schedules!

